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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ASEAN-US MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. CHARGE HAD EXPECTED TO SEE SECRETARY ROMULO TODAY AND PLANNED TO RAISE SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL, BUT APPOINTMENT NOW POSTPONED TO NEXT WEEK.
2. MEANWHILE EMBOFFS HAVE SEEN MRS. MANALO (MAY 17) TO MAKE SAME POINTS, AND ACCORDING TO HER, SECRETARY VIRATA WOULD LIKELY ACCOMPANY GENERAL ROMULO AND ANOTHER PRIME CANDIDATE WOULD BE UNDERSECRETARY OF TRADE VALDEPENAS. NATURE OF THE AGENDA ITEMS DICTATE THEIR INCLUSION ON THE GOP DELEGATION. SHE WAS NOT SURE OF SECRETARY PATERNO, ALTHOUGH SHE THOUGHT HE COULD BE INCLUDED.

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3. AS TO THE OTHER ASEAN DELEGATIONS, MRS. MANALO BELIEVED THAT IF MOCHTAR DOES NOT GO, THE INDONESIANS WOULD BE LED BY WIDJOJO OR PRAWIRO. RAJARATNAM WILL DEFINITELY LEAD THE GOS WITH HON SUI SEN PROBABLY GOING ALONG. MALAYSIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DPM) MAHATHIR SEEMS LIKELY TO HEAD DELEGATION. BY THAT TIME, MRS. MANALO REMARKED, ROMULO ALSO WILL LIKELY BE A DPM, AND ASEAN DELE-

GATIONS COULD LOOK FORWARD TO A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER. BIGGEST UNKNOWN IS OF COURSE THAILAND.

4. AS FAR AS THE GOP IS CONCERNED, WE ARE FAIRLY CONFI-
DENT THAT ITS DELEGATION WILL BE PREDOMINENTLY ECONOMIC
IN CHARACTER. TOUSSAINT

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